Basic information

2015/0203(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Preparatory phase in Parliament
EU/Morocco Agreement: protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products and amending the EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement See also 1995/0363(AVC) **Subject** 3.10.02 Processed products, agri-foodstuffs 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.15.06 Fishing industry and statistics, fishery products 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin **Geographical area** Morocco	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade		

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade		
INTA International Trade	VAN BREMPT Kathleen (S&D)	23/09/2019

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		
PECH Fisheries		

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		

	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		
	PECH Fisheries		
	PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union	

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Agriculture and Rural Development	HOGAN Phil

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/09/2015	Preparatory document	COM(2015)0446	Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	2015/0203(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	See also 1995/0363(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p4 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p7 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Stage reached in procedure	Preparatory phase in Parliament

Documentation gateway

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2015)0446	15/09/2015	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2015)0448	15/09/2015	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

EU/Morocco Agreement: protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products and amending the EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

2015/0203(NLE) - 15/09/2015 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Morocco concerning protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: both Parties, the EU and Morocco, aim to protect geographical indications (GIs) on both sides in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade, promote quality in the food chain and stimulate sustainable rural development under the terms of the Euro-Mediterranean Roadmap for Agriculture.

Article 9 of Protocol 1 and Article 8 of Protocol 2 to the Association Agreement with Morocco, as amended by the Agreement on Agriculture, made provision for opening negotiations with a view to concluding an agreement on the protection of geographical indications for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products.

Those negotiations went smoothly and the present proposal is the result of bilateral negotiations concluded on 16 January 2015.

It is now necessary to conclude this Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: The agreement provides for protection of geographical indications (PDOs and PGIs) which are protected in the respective Parties.

For the EU, the main objectives of the Agreement are:

- to foster the protection and use of geographical indications (Morocco will protect the full list of EU geographical indications),
- to intervene in the event of any misuse of EU geographical indications.

Morocco, for its part, has an interest to foster and protect its current geographical indications on EU territory and strengthen its relations with the EU.

The Agreement also aims to promote and enhance quality production.

Joint Committee and management of the Agreement: each of the Parties has conducted an examination and public consultation on the protection of its geographical indications and designations of origin. The Joint Committee has been entrusted with certain aspects of its implementation, in particular the power to amend certain technical aspects and certain Annexes thereto. The Commission should be authorised to represent the Union in the Joint Committee.